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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Operations Center

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ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: OBGI Items for DDI Newsletter

1. Work is progressing in the Cartography Division in developing the Automap System for the machine production of maps and charts. At present, the system permits digitizing onto magnetic tape cartographic data input into the Data Bank from four standard projections, Lambert Conic Conformal, Mercator, Transverse Mercator, and Polar Stereographic, while the Data Bank can be programmed for plotter output of fifteen projections. Work is under way to program for input the Russian Kavraisky IV projection, enabling the use of Russian source material to update the Data Bank.

2. OBGI is participating for the second year in the Agency's Summer Intern Program. Five graduate students in geography are working in the Office for the summer -- four in the Geography Division, and one in Cartography Division. Two of the five are "repeats", having participated in the program last summer.

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3. [REDACTED] of the Cartography Division, returned from 10 weeks' training in shaded relief rendition of topographic maps [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] of the Publication Division, is retiring on 15 July 1968, after 27 years of Government service, including 17 years with the National Intelligence Survey Program.

5. On 11 April 1968, USIB approved an HIS Coverage Plan reflecting the HIS Committee's recommended long-range production program. The plan establishes HIS area priorities for General Surveys and specifies for each area the supplementary coverage required above that provided by the General Survey.

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6. A new MIS element on Climate of the Upper Air is scheduled for production in late FY 1969. The series to be produced in atlas form, consisting of 13 volumes, will provide world-wide coverage. Volumes on the Southern Hemisphere will be the first to be produced because of the need for information on that area.

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